



BIOGRAPHY

United States Air Force

436th Airlift Wing (AMC)
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COLONEL MARK S. SOLO

Colonel Mark Solo is the Commander, 436th Operations Group, Dover Air Force Base, DE. He is responsible for leading 1200 personnel providing one-fourth of the nation's active-duty heavy airlift capability. Colonel Solo directs the nation's only C-5 special operations program, DOD's largest Aerial Port Squadron, two strategic Airlift Squadrons, and an Operations Support Squadron responsible for airlift scheduling, intelligence, tactics, aircrew training, air traffic control, airfield operations, weather, and aircrew life support.

The colonel graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science in 1978. He is a distinguished graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. After attending Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, Texas, he then flew the C-141 at Travis AFB, California. He served at Military Airlift Command headquarters, Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Protocol Officer, Chief of Military Entitlements, and as Chief of Officer Retention. During Operation Desert Storm Colonel Solo commanded 26 combat support sorties as an instructor aircraft commander in the C-141 at McChord AFB, Washington. He is a command pilot with more than 4,600 hours.



EDUCATION

- 1978 BA in Social Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 1984 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1986 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Seminar)
- 1987 MA in International Relations, Webster University, St. Louis, MO
- 1988 MA in Management, Webster University, St. Louis, MO
- 1990 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 1995 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Seminar)
- 1997 MA in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1978 - April 1979, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, TX
2. September 1980 - October 1983, C-141 Aircraft Commander, 7th Military Airlift Squadron, 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, CA
3. October 1983 - October 1985, C-141 Instructor Aircraft Commander and Presentations Officer, 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, CA
4. October 1985 - November 1986, Protocol Officer, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, IL
5. November 1986 - December 1987, Chief of Military Entitlements, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, IL
6. December 1987 - July 1989, Chief of Officer Retention, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, IL
7. July 1989 - March 1990, Student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Base, VA

8. March 1990 - September 1991, Chief Pilot, Instructor Aircraft Commander, 8th Military Airlift Squadron, 62nd Military Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, WA
9. September 1991 - August 1993, Chief of Wing Safety, Airdrop Aircraft Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, WA
10. August 1993 - April 1994, Operations Officer, 60th Operations Support Squadron, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, CA
11. April 1994 - October 1994, Operations Officer, 21st Airlift Squadron, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, CA
12. October 1994 - August 1996, Commander, 22nd Airlift Squadron, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, CA
13. August 1996 - July 1997, Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI
14. July 1997 - June 1999, Deputy Chief of Political-Military Affairs Division, J-5, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL
15. June 1999 - January 2000, Operations Group Deputy Commander, 436th Operations Group, Dover AFB, DE
16. January 2000 - Present, Commander, 436th Operations Group, Dover AFB, DE

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 4,600

Aircraft Flown: C-141, C-5A/B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with three stars

Kuwait Liberation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 10, 1978
First Lieutenant	December 10, 1980
Captain	December 10, 1982
Major	December 01, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	March 01, 1994
Colonel	September 01, 1998

(Current as of Jan 00)
